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SUBJECT: CEPE MANAGER THREATENS SUIT AGAINST GULF

1. COLONEL LUIS PINEIROS, MANAGER OF THE STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CEPE), ANNOUNCED AUGUST 4 THAT CEPE WOULD FILE SUIT AGAINST ANY COMPANY FAILING TO COMPLY WITH DECREE 285. ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS GAVE PINEIROS' STATEMENT PROMINENT COVERAGE. PINEIROS ADDED THAT "THE ACTION TAKEN BY GULF IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF NONFULFILLMENT OF A LEGAL OBLIGATION. . . WHICH THE STATE HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT AS AN AFFRONT TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY." ACCORDING QUITO DAILY "EL COMERCIO," SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION HUGO GARCES ALSO TOLD REPORTS THAT THE CEPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS NOW EXAMINING A POSSIBLE SUIT.

2. ALL NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPRINTED A COPY OF DECREE 285; PINEIROS EMPHASIZED THE DECREE WAS STILL IN EFFECT, ALTHOUGH THE COMPANIES HAD NEVER COMPLIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT-DECREED PRODUCTION RATE OF 210,000 BPD.

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